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RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the **NON-FINAL** Examiner's Action mailed April 23, 2003 (Paper No. 7), having a shortened statutory period for response which expired on July 23, 2003, and is herein petitioned to be extended to October 23, 2003, the above-identified patent application is amended as follows: